

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

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22. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly comprising:
a quarter turn ball valve including a valve housing having inlet and outlet ports;
an insert having a body member including an exterior surface and an internal flow channel, one end of the insert being coupled to the valve housing so that the internal flow channel communicates with one of the ports, a lip formed on the free end of the body member, the lip being spaced from the valve housing when the insert is assembled to the valve housing;

a flange carried on the exterior surface of the insert between the lip and the valve housing, the flange being freely rotatable relative to the insert and the valve housing when the insert is assembled to the valve housing, and fastener holes formed in the flange for receiving fasteners that secure the valve assembly in a fluid system.

23. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly in accordance with claim 22 wherein the valve body and the one end of the insert are threaded and wherein the end of the internal flow channel adjacent the lip is formed with a polygonal cross-section to accommodate a tool for coupling the insert to the valve body.

24. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly in accordance with claim 22 wherein the flange is formed with a mounting hole of a size and shape complementary to and larger than the exterior surface of the insert.

25. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly in accordance with claim 24 wherein the size of the mounting hole is less than that of the lip.

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27. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly comprising:
a quarter turn ball valve mounted in a valve housing formed with inlet and outlet ports;

an insert including a body member having an exterior surface and an internal axial flow channel, one end of said body member being fixed to the valve housing so that the exterior surface extends axially from the valve housing and the internal axial flow channel communicates with one of the ports, a lip formed on the free end of the body member and spaced from the valve housing by the exterior surface of the insert;

a flange having central opening formed therein of a size and shape complementary to the exterior surface of the insert so that the flange is spaced from the valve housing and freely rotatable on the exterior surface of the insert.

28. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly in accordance with claim 27 wherein the valve body and the one end of the insert are threaded and wherein the end of the internal axial flow channel adjacent the lip is formed to accommodate a tool for threadably coupling the insert to the valve body.

29. (Previously Presented) A valve assembly in accordance with claim 27, wherein the valve body and the one end of the insert are threaded and wherein the end of the internal axial flow channel adjacent the lip is formed with a polygonal cross-section to accommodate a tool for threadably fixing the insert to the valve body.